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AN AFTERNOON OF MUSIC AND DANCE

Above are some pupils of Sylvia Ward Randall, who presented Sunday afternoon an enjoyable show of entertainment and talent. The children performed remarkably well in everything from music to ballet. The recital was given for the benefit of the Mission School for the Blind, College Point, N.Y. Some of the children were even as young as eight years old like little Leona Mardenbro, center, who demonstrated her talent as a pianist.

The V.A. Hospital of West Haven was recently accused of abusing the rights of Mrs. Janet Gregory. Mrs. Gregory accused the hospital of dismissing her under frame-up charges because she stood up for her self-respect.

The charges being brought against a Mrs. Woodgruff, chief dietician of the dietetics department. Mrs. Gregory said this all started from a dispute over her being 20 minutes late for reporting to work. In warning Mrs. Gregory about making a mistake in signing the time sheet, Mrs. Woodgruff is reported to have called her "Stupid."

"Not only did she call me stupid," Mrs. Gregory contended, "but she said that all the Negro girls here are stupid, but one." In this case we will withhold the name of this particular young lady, but the majority of the employees who know her call her an "Auntie-Tom" and a right hand stool pidgeon for Mrs. Woodgruff.

Mrs. Gregory who strongly opposed being called stupid, told other girls of her incident with the chief dietitian. As we understand it, the so-called stool pidgeon brought this news back to the dietitian's office. Upon learning that Mrs. Gregory had informed the other Negro employees of this insulting, degrading factor, Mrs. Woodgruff demanded that she apologize by telling the girls she had lied on her (Mrs. Woodgruff).

Mrs. Gregory told the Open Gate News reporter, attorney Earl Williams and Mr. John Barber, head of the NAACP that she could not submit to something which was a deliberate lie.

However, the dietitian warned Mrs. Gregory that if she did not submit she would be dismissed as an employee at that hospital.

Three days later, Mrs. Woodgruff brought charges against Mrs. Gregory for fortification of government records. Meaning that she signed the time sheet 20 minutes in error.

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Also one of her supervisors filed a report accusing Mrs. Gregory of being caught eating in line of duty. In other words if one charge wasn't enough to dismiss her then why not create another?

In a two and one half hour discussion between the hospital management director. Samuel H. Frank and Mr. Twitty, the director of personnel, Mr. J. Dyous. editor of the Open Gate News and Mrs. Janet Gregory of 8 Rockview Circle, the management denied any knowledge of this act.

The purpose of this meeting was to work out some solution to ease the tension between these two ladies which appears to be more personal and childish than anything else and to have Mrs. Gregory reinstated.

Mrs. Gregory has a past record at the V.A. Hospital for approximately two years and not at any time did she receive any official letter complaining of her duties or attitude until this incident. She has been an outstanding employee of the hospital in all this time, the management admitted.

However, Mr. Frank flatly refused to re-instate Mrs. Gregory. Louis Christian, head of the Union at the V.A. has failed in his duty to even take this case up to Mr. Twitty.

The NAACP has started its investigation and there are also plans for a mass demonstration and a withdrawal of membership from the union of that hospital.

All this could have been eliminated if only people would learn to do unto others as they would have others do unto them.

CORE has also been called in on this brutal act of abusing a human's rights.

President is considering tighter civil rights laws

In the light of recent developments in the South and new orders from the Supreme Court, the Administration is considering new proposals to deal with the problems rising out of civil rights disputes.

President Kennedy told his Wednesday news conference that a final decision should be forthcoming "in the next few days".

He said that he hoped that future clashes based on denial of civil rights would be settled in the courts rather than in the streets.

"AS YOU know," the Chief Executive declared, "we have several proposals up there (Congress) now, dealing with voting, extension of the Civil Rights Commission and the conciliation service.

"But I think there may be other things that we could do which would provide a legal outlet for a desire for a remedy other than having to engage in demonstrations which bring them into conflict with forces of law and order in the community.

"I WOULD hope that we would be able to develop some formulas so that those who feel themselves barred, as a matter of fact denied equal rights, would have a remedy.

"As it is today, in many cases they do not have a remedy, and therefore they take to the streets and we have the kind of incidents that we have in Birmingham. We hope to see if we can develop a legal remedy."

Sit-in Attorney Dies

RICHMOND - Richmond's ranks of outstanding civil rights attorneys was depleted a second time within a month with the death Friday morning of 36-year-old Clarence W. Newsome.

Hospitalized for three weeks last winter, Mr. Newsome entered E.C. Williams Hospital on May 3. two days after attending the funeral of Martin A. Martin with whom he had been associated in Richmond's lunchroom sit - in cases in 1960

Mr. Newsome was too seriously ill last week to be advised of the victory in the sit-in cases as the U.S. Supreme Court ruled such arrests to be illegal.

Mr. Newsome had won national acclaim through an earlier Supreme Court decision which outlawed discrimination against colored passengers in restaurants which serve interstate bus travelers.

In this case, he was co-counsel for Bruce Boynton, who, as a Howard University student in December 1958, had been arrested for trespassing at a Richmond bus terminal restaurant during a layover on his way home in Selma, Ala.

LAST JUNE, Mr. Newsome ran unsuccessfully for a seat in the Richmond City Council. His campaign platform was based on the theme "Let's Play Fair"-with equal employment, compulsory school attendance juvenile, delinquency, rehabilitation, welfare clients, and in all agencies and issues of public service.

Fair play had been the theme of Mr. Newsome's legal and public service activities since he began practice in Richmond in 1958.

He catapulted into the spotlight as a "fair play" champion at a City Council meeting when he criticized as "unfair tactics" the wholesales arrest of 164 patrons, including many students, in a raid on April 1, 1958, of a Washington Park nightclub.

The victimized law-abiding club patrons appealed their convictions and later won vindication when it was shown that they had no knowledge of illegal operations at the club.

MR. NEWSOME next commanded public attention in the Boynton restaurant service case and then with Mr. Martin and Oliver W. Hill as defense attorneys for the lunch-counter sit-in students.

He was also among the NAACP spokesmen who advocated desegregation of Chandler Junior High School at the School Board meeting considering conversion of the building from white to colored use.

Since then, the school has open to token integration.

LATER, MR. NEWSOME was in the vanguard of attorneys defending the public spirited citizens who sparked the equal status movement in Petersburg, Va., beginning with the public library.

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The Open Gate Press, Incorporators of New Haven will hold a special meeting Friday night June, 14. The meeting will be held at the Mount Bethel Missionary Baptist Church. 100 Webster St. The Stockholders are advised to bring friends. The public is invited to attend. The group will discuss a new move for Negro equality. As many of us know they recently purchased a two family dwelling with a store at 743 Winchester Ave. for the purpose of establishing Connecticut's first Negro Co-op food center. You will learn how this project could benefit you as an individual and change the environment of the entire Negro race in our city. This is a move for Negro equality and equal opportunity through the financial control of our own resources. Please remember to come out and bring your friends so that you may take part in our discussion. The meeting will begin at 8 p.m. sharp.

Sponsors Bus Excursion

The Promotional Committee of the Open Gate News will sponsor a bus excursion to Palisades Park, New Jersey, June 17, 1963. The buses are scheduled to leave from Dixwell Avenue at Foote St. at 9:30 that Sat. morning and return at 9:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale now at $5.00 round trip. A grand day of frolic and fun, picnicing and swimming. PALISADES PARK, HERE WE COME! A chance to vacate this hot and over-crowded city-New Haven-for a day.

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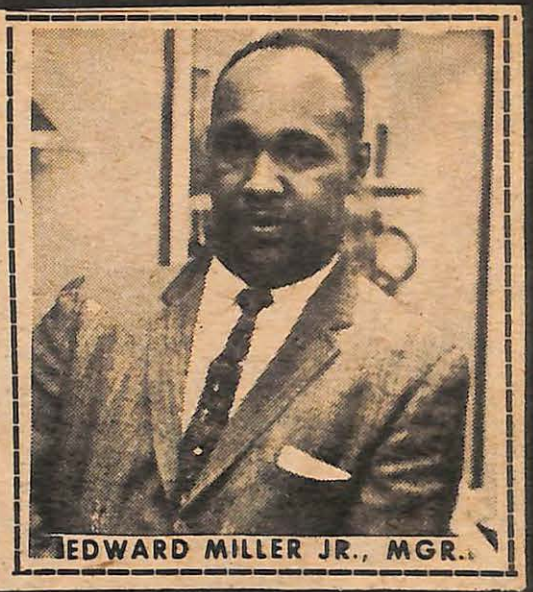

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Negroes At Boiling Point

In Durham, N.C. these youths don't mind at all what they are suffering for. They are unmindful of the indignities they are being put through too, but this is the Carolina style arrest. They were members of the mass demonstration of about 1,000 who staged the demonstration at the Howard Johnson Restaruant four miles south of Durham.

The mood of the Negro not only in Birmingham, Ala., but throughout the United States, is at "the boiling point. and if somebody gets in the way it's just too bad." Roy Wilkins NAACP executive secretary, declared recently addressing 1,500 persons at a City Hall rally on Barmingham.

"The patience of Negroes for their just rights has long run out," Wilkins declared, asserting that Rev. Martin Luther King and others may not be able to hold back the Negro's restraint much longer and avoid bloodshed.

Wilkins and several other speakers addressing the noon-hour rally at City Hall, including Peter Ottley, president of Local 144 Hotel and Allied Service Employees Union, appealed to President Kennedy to do more than he has to intervene in Birmingham.

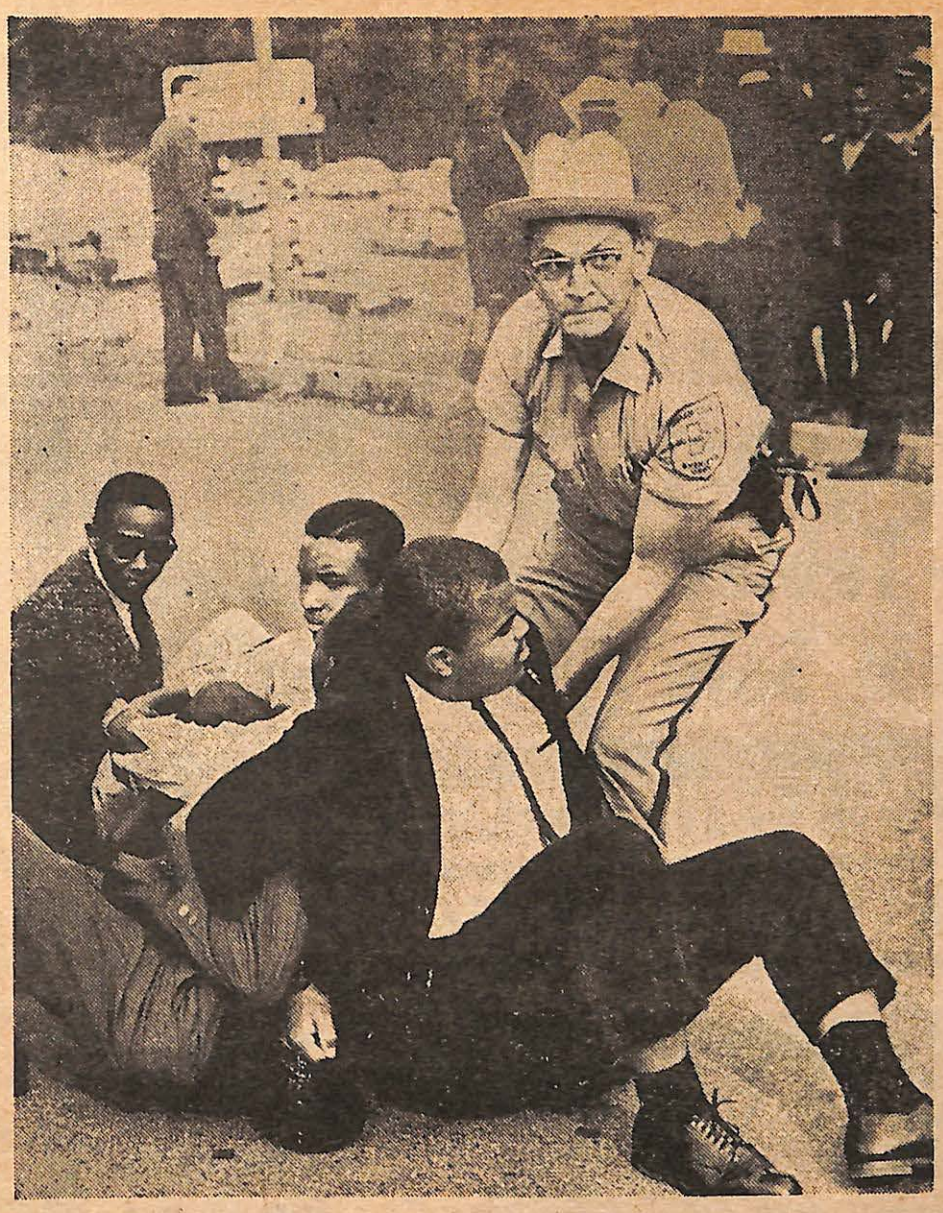
Ottley urged a first-hand visit to Birmingham by the President and lead a little Negro child into a school to show where the government stands.

MAYOR SPEAKS

Mayor Robert Wagner, expressing his full support behind the rally, told the cheering crowd that the actions of the city officials in Birmingham were reprehensible and intolerable."

Rev. Richard Allen Hildebrand president of the New York branch of NAACP, which had maintained an all-night picketing vigil around City Hall the night before the rally, urged the President to "get up from your rocking chair and do more than wishful hoping and talking nice words." He also called for a boycott of the Daily News terming its reporting of the Birmingham situation as "very bad."

A. Philip Randolph president of the Negro American Labor Council asserted that we are witnessing a changing social order of "white supremacy", and warned that no social order goes off the scene without some violence and bloodshed.



These students are joined together by locking their arms seated back to back while a N. Carolina deputy sheriff finds that he has a big job on his hands if he tries to pick both the students up. These are more students who domonstrated on the grounds of the Howard Johnson Restaurant.

These North Carolina college students jam the area of the segregated Howard Johnson restaurant near Durham, determined to demonstrate for 30 days because they weren't served. They look like they don't intend on letting anyone else get served either.

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Memorial Day Meaning

Particular importance must be attached to Memorial Day this year because of the events of the year and the origin of the national day of commemoration.

Originally designed to mark the dead of the American Civil War Memorial Day has been expanded to include the dead of all our wars. However, because this year we are watching the true freeing of the Negro in America from his more than 300 years of slavery, Memorial Day should have a deeper meaning.

The American Civil War was fought for a dual ideal on the part of the North. The direct cause of it was slavery but the underlying reason was the maintenance of the Union.

An Englishman once wrote that the North fought "for a cause as untainted as ever animated a nation in arms."

Abe Lincoln, when meeting Harriet Beecher Stowe author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," brought out the cause of the conflict clearly when he said to the rather slight woman clad in black "So, this is the little lady who cause this great war."

Has the American Civil War been fought for nothing?

If the proposition were presented today to the North, how many of us would embark on the crusade?

The Civil War was perhaps the last holy war known to man. The nature of its spirituality has served as source material for the world's propagandists enabling them to stir the people of their respective nations to a fever pitch in all conflicts that have followed. The holiness of the American Civil War has been used for ends far from pure.

Thursday we mark this day. There are few of us who can honestly say we would undertake the task again. Four years of conflict--the toll of dead on the Northern side alone exceeded the total slain in the Second World War--for ideals which have, in our modern age, become to many of us questionable seems an impossibility.

Have Americans become so hardened spiritually that they cannot feel for the downtrodden, the ill the beaten, or even their neighbor?

Has all the idealism that truly stirred this nation in conflicts that were meaningful, the Revolutionary War and the Civil War gone down the drain?

The affluence of our present day society -- people die today from overeating--has cast a spell over the nation and made the idealist a thing of the past. Most of us yearn for peace--a nice home, a new car each year, perhaps a boat, and a job that doesn't keep us too busy.

By forgetting idealism--the soldiers freezing at Valley Forge; the men in both Blue and Grey who perished at places such as Gettysburg, Vicksburg and Petersburg; the labor agitators who believed man was more than a tool and had a right to live and work like a human being--by forgetting we have created an isolation that could prove a great deal more dangerous than that which followed World War One.

On this Memorial Day, we are isolated spiritually. The result is our isolation from humanitarian feelings which have always been the well spring of our national strength.

The chief example is the withdrawal of most of us to noncommital positions concerning the rights of the American Negro. This is particularly disturbing since Memorial Day is the one day each year which was originally designed to commemorate the dead of the war which was fought to provide freedom for the American Negro. The conservative elements in our society have gone so far as to brand Negro organizations which are fighting for the equality to which every man is entitled as Communistic.

The seeds of ruin for everything our nation has stood for lie in our spiritual coldness.

On Memorial Day, 1963 we must examine ourselves and our institutions closely. Perhaps with a careful scrutiny, a few of us will find that idealism--the sense of feeling compassion for our fellowman--is an important element that should be preserved against all comers.

Graduating

Wilma Rudolph, world-record holder for the 100-and-200 meter dashed and 1960 Olympic sprint champion, holds the diploma awarded her recently at commencement exercises at Tennessee A. & I. State University. Miss Rudolph said that she may curtail her athletic career.

Keep Newhallville Clean

"Keep Newhallville clean" is the cry of many stable citizens of that community. The Open Gate learned that a report was turned in to police chief Francis V. MacManus approximately 3 weeks ago by a group of the better class citizens of that section. The group being represented by one man who filed their report as follows:

"We the stable citizens of long being of this community are shocked over the disturbance by new comers who are forming a ghetto at Newhall and Starr Streets. This is the most disgusting sight that we have ever witnessed since coming to this "Neighborhood."

The complainers being all Negroes, which several pointed out they have been residents of the Newhallville section for more than 20 years. They openly accused the new comers of forming a more or less Dixwell Ave. policy on this corner.

Many of the ladies complained that a group of males who form early in the morning in front of a show shine parlor use vulgar and obscene language at them as they pass by. They also complained that this same type of disturbance exists at the bar directly across the street, especially on Friday nights and all day Saturdays. They said there isn't sufficient lighting in that section for the type of citizens who have come there recently. Many families complained they are afraid to permit their daughters to go to the neighborhood store in that section. One lady said "Even to ride pass in an automobile you are still confronted with terrible insults from these degrading persons."

The Open Gate being fully aware of this report and the promise of Chief MacManus has waited thus far to see what action if any will be taken by the police department.

The citizens asked MacManus for policemen to patrol that section by foot and by car. They also asked that these groups of disrespectful Negro males be dispersed from blocking the sidewalks. Chief MacManus agreed to pass an order that all these complaints be looked into and corrected.

WHAT ACTION WAS TAKEN?

What action has been taken since MacManus made this promise? We feel that he has fulfilled at least for the past three weeks. If you notice you can see policemen patroling this section 24 hours a day. The patrons of the bar are ordered by the police officers that the drinking place is inside. The groups which once gathered in front of the shoe shine parlor no longer exists. The ladies of Newhallville are again free to walk the streets without fear of disrespectful insults or possibly vicious attacks.

The group of citizens who made this possible are quite pleased with the action which was immediately taken by our police chief.

The Open Gate News also salutes Chief Francis V. MacManus for we too are looking for a better place to live.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mr. Dyous;

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Thank you Charles F. Krebs.

EDITOR'S REPLY

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Dr. Oedel received the Certificate of Award of the National Society of the Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America at a ceremony held recently at a meeting of the Connecticut Chapter No. 1. in the Southbury Training School.

The certificate cited Dr. Oedel "for notable achievement, both as a scholar in American History with emphasis on the Colonial Period, and as a college professor whose aim is to inculcate patriotism in the present and succeeding generations."

The national certificate was signed by Mrs. Dolores Billman Hill, president of the organization, who also wrote: "It is good to know that the students of Southern Connecticut State College receive such inspiring instruction in American History. I am also pleased to learn of your numerous activities in historical organizations.

"Your slide lectures and exhibits, I am sure, are especially impressive and should do much to interest young people in our American Heritage."

The second award made to Dr. Oedel was a cash prize given by the Connecticut Chapter's Committee on United States and Military History. This marks the first time that such a state award has been made to a college teacher.

Mrs. Elizabeth B. Richardson, of West Hartford, is the committee chairman for the Connecticut Chapter of Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America.

Dr. Oedel received the B.A. degree and the M.A. in Teaching degree at Harvard University and the Ph.D. at Boston University. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II as a reserve officer. Prior to his appointment at SCSC in 1961, he taught at Lesley College, Cambridge, Mass., and in private schools in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. He is a member of the American Historical Association, the National Council for Social Studies and the New Hampshire Historical Society.

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Accused of Setting Dynamite in Negro Neighborhood

Many of the white merchants have taken a forceful and out right stand against the establishing of a Negro co-operative food center in the greater New Haven area.

Mr. Dyous said he has received two threatening phone calls whereas his life and the lives of members of his family was threatened by anonymous callers. Mr. Dyous was also confronted with a person to person objector upon entering a food store at 185 Newhall Street known as "Terrace Market," he reported. that he entered the Terrace Market last week to receive a past-due bill which was due to an advertisement placed in our paper.

The editor was astonished over the way a fellow who is called "Al," who is supposed to be the owner of this store conducted himself over the fact that he had read the article which appeared in the Open Gate News entitled "Editor Heads First Co-operative Food Center." Mr. Dyous said Al critically objected to this effort. He criticized the Open Gate News and purpose it stands for. He personally accused Mr. Dyous of setting dynamite to all the white establishments which exists and has existed for several years in the Negro community. He promised Mr. Dyous that he would do anything in his power to prohibit any such market from coming up any where in this city.

Although being an advertiser of the Open Gate and on contract for future issues, Al said he refused to make any further payments and deliberately broke a contract which was agreed upon by him and the Open Gate Press Inc. Mr. Dyous warned him that his ad would continue to run for the length of time as the contract requires.

He asked him a question. "Why are you so strongly against the Negroes owning their own food market? Why is it that you aren't against your white brothers who have a market just three doors from you?" Referring to a market on Newhall and Ivy Streets and another market, namely the First National Store all of which are just a few doors in the other direction of the Terrace Market. Al was quoted as saying, "This is alright. But a Negro market? Never!"

Rascati's Market of 209 Shelton Ave. also expressed their feelings as being opposed to this Negro establishment. They are spurred to support our cause.

We suggest that the Negroes use the same methods towards them. There are many others who are spurred to support us and yet there are many who have offered their full support. Mr. Wayne Whitehead, president of the Co-op Super Markets, offered to support us in any way possible. Even to supply our store with merchandise. We give thanks to those who have cried for Negro dignity and in the end have proven what they meant by backing us 100%.

On the other hand there are many who have criticized the Negroes and called them "indescent nothings" since the Negroes first came to settle in this city. Today they claim although the population of others out-number that of the Negroes by seven times in New Haven, the Negro race makes up 52% of the city's welfare department case load. We are out to lessen this number by establishing our own businesses amongst our race for the purpose of employing them. We have all good intentions of being a tribute not only to our race but to the city's government as well.

WE MUST CONTINUE

The Editor said, "We must continue with our great project regardless to those who are out to pressure, threaten and victimize us. As far as I am concerned," he continued, "these who are against our cause are the same as any other scurrilous, degrading and disrespectful racists. They are a great tribute to Jim-Crow Segregationalists and most of all to the infiltration of Communism amongst the freedom loving American citizens.

He disclosed by saying. "This is a task the Negro people must take and face. A racist is a racist regardless of color or his geographical environment. They are out to enslave us and to destroy the real cause which America has stood for from its very beginning." "We shall continue to stand strongly against poverty and the further practices of Genocide in America."

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Dixwell Neighborhood Improvement Efforts

Dixwell's First Annual Freddy Fixer Parade is now a matter of history, but young and old alike are still talking about what an exciting and colorful event it was.

As Dr. Fred Smith, Parade Chairman signaled the start of the Parade at 2 p.m., from Beaver Pond Park and Sherman Avenue, New Haven's Police Motor Cycle escort unit, with lights flashing, took their positions. From the park, fifty giant helium filled balloons were released. Stepping off with Dr. Smith was Mayor Richard C. Lee who marched the entire parade route to Bassett Junior High School. Following behind Mayor Lee came Rowland Douglas, Parade Coordinator and Alderman Edward Reynolds.

Following Parade Officials came the New Haven Police Department. Color Guard and the Buckner Legion Post 108 Color Guard, and the Governor's Foot Guard Marching Band. Official cars followed next, and in them rode Edward Grant, Grand Marshall and Deborah Michie, Albert Griffin and John Solomon, Freddy Fixer Contest winners.

Section One of the Parade consisted of the Coning Unite, Thrilling Cyclones, Drum and Bugle Corps, and School crossing guard, Fifth and Sixth grade marchers from Winchester School, Marchers from Bassett Junior High School, the Hillhouse Marching Band, the Freddy Fixer Songsters Float, the "New Houses From Old" Float. Riding atop the Freddy Fixer Songsters Float were two large Litterbugs and 24 songsters who sand the "Freddy Fixer Limbo Song."

Section Two of Division One of the Parade was led off by St. Ann's Drum and Bugle Corps from Bridgeport and following this striking unit came hundreds of Freddy Fixer marchers carrying signs reading "Hi Freddy," the theme of this year's event. The William D. Griffin Memorial High-Steppers stopped the Parade as they passed the reviewing stand and went through some intricate drill maneuvers. Official cars followed carrying representatives of the "Girl Friends," Roberta Harrison, Queen of the Elm Haven Civic Council, The Open Gate News' car featured beautiful Lynn Cannady and her attendants Dorothy Baker, Kathy Handy and Delores Bush, who are contestants for Queen of 1963, the Abo-Kutanas, the Oasis, and the Eureka Chapter No. 2 O.E.S.P.A.H., A "Happy House" Float completed this section of the Parade.

One of the many surprises of the parade was the appearance of Vivian Atkins and members of her Adult Drama Club at Winchester School, who were dressed up as clowns and provided spectators with some very entertaining routines.

The Second Division of the Parade was even more exciting than the first. It was an impressive sight to look down the Avenue and see hundreds of marchers for miles proceeding southward to Bassett Junior High School. The day was simply made for a Parade, and the many high officials on the Reviewing Stand were enjoying themselves along with the thousands of other persons lining the Parade route. Alderman Bruce Morris and John Daniels led off Division II, and they, in turn, were followed by the Wilbur Cross Marching Band, Fifth and Sixth Graders at Baldwin and Ivy schools, and one of the top drum and bugle corps in the State, the St. Raphael Buccaneer's who stopped the parade with their great marching and playing ability. Troup Junior High School Marchers were next in passing the reviewing stand.

One of the other surprises in the Parade was the appearance of TV's popular "Admiral Jack" who went over big with the young people. Admiral Jack's car was followed by the Dixwell Community Council Float. which had the theme: "Need Advice?-Ask Freddy Fixer!" The float was driven by Lou Cox Jr. Next came the Newhallville Float, driven by Parade Grand Marshall, William Bradley. and reflecting the theme: "Happy House from Newhallville."

Section II of Division II of the Parade, consisted of the New Haven Park Department's Band, led by Guy Masella. Following this unit came Cub Pack "53"--John T. Ford, Little League Baseball Marchers, Winchester School Scouts and Brownies and Fifth and Sixth Graders from Lincoln School. Next came the Bradford Manor Drum and Bugle Corps and official cars carrying officials of the Business and Professional Women. Finally, another "Happy House" float passed in review.

The climax of the Parade, which was now running over an hour and a half, featured the St. Raphael Musketeers from Bridgeport, St. Mary's High School Color Guard, a "Thanks Mother" Float, commemorating Mother's Day, 1963.

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That male hairdresser has plans for someone but he is in for a big surprise. So what if he does have money and looks, that's not what she's after. Can't he get it into his head that Uncle Sam has her prize possession? I guess he can't but he soon will.

People are talking about the young man who will spend an exciting summer; but not as he first intended. E.N. had a compelling urge to drive an automobile without the driver's permission. He was sentenced to two one-year jail terms which will be suspended after 30 days. But still in all he has a new type of summer life ahead.

Those two young lovers who got nabbed by the cops for narcotics. J.T., 23, of Sherman Ave., and his pretty little 18 year old wife were bound over to Superior Court and released on $500 bond each. They were caught after purchasing paregoric.

That married man had better stop cheating on his wife before she finds out. A lot of people know about that little incident the other night in parked cars. You caused a lot of trouble for the poor girl. But at least you did make her see the light. Whether it was bright or not is to be determined in the future.

Someone was playing around the other day at a certain office trying to conceal something. You've still got people wondering, but you will pay for that before it's all over. You can't keep a secret from a woman, nor can you tell her one. So give up!

A certain co-ed is home from college for a few weeks. I know a few people are mighty glad. They've been missing that sweet little thing for a long time. Take it easy young men. One at a time.

Man Pregnant at 42

LAGOS, NIGERIA-Nigeria newspaper reports that a man there is seven months pregnant. A wave of excitement swept through Kakuri Mission Hospital recently when an unusual patient was admitted.

Puzzled surgeons and specialists summoned to the hospital huddled in small groups discussing the case. At their elbows stood nurses and assistants, equally stunned by what they were witnessing. The entire hospital was in an uproar.

Why?

The patient just admitted was a 42 year old man, seven months in pregnancy. He had complained about pains in his stomach and was rushed to the hospital, where the pregnancy was discovered.

Perhaps you are wondering the same as we do. "Oh where, Oh where can the dear daddy be?"

Cops Pressure Dixwell Ave.

Many of the citizens in the Dixwell Avenue Community are screaming "high pressure" by the law enforcement officers. They complain that the policemen constantly patrol that section to pick at them and to tag their automobiles for the slightest traffic violation. Many of them complain that policemen deliberately pull them over for no reason whatsoever. However, upon asking the officer why they are being stopped they all use the same old trend, "I thought you were someone else, but let me see your license and registration anyway."

Most Negroes of that section are becoming a little disturbed with this type of pressure. They accuse the policemen of constantly picking on them because they are Negroes. Many of them who live out Grand Ave. way, say the citizens of that section receive much less aggravation as far as the speeding situation is concerned.

The Open Gate has for two Saturdays straight watched the policemen in action on Dixwell Ave. Last Saturday some 6 policemen being brought into that section by a squad car were released on Foote Street and Dixwell Avenue and their duty was fulfilled by tagging every automobile they approached which was in violation. This of course is legal for this is the job of the police department, but as one citizen said when a job is taken too far then it can become quite harassing.

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Food-Home-Fasbions

Here come the brides

If all the couples getting married this Summer were to whisper "I do" in unison, they could probably rattle the rafters of St. Patrick's Cathedral!

Why do the altar-bound (about 1,500,000 of them a year in the U.S.A. alone) prefer to take their vows in June? The tradition dates back to the days of Marie Antoinette, when June was the last court month before the hot Parisian Summer--most popular time for gala celebrations. But any June bride married in Marie "Let-them-eat-cake" Antoinette's court had to be willing to forfeit the wedding spotlight to the queen!

In the colonial U.S.A., an invitation to a Winter wedding was almost a request for a guest to take his life into his hands. Icy roads complicated the ever-present danger of Indian attack. A Spring or Fall affair interfered with planting or harvest time. So nuptials were usually scheduled for Summer. June remained the marryin' month.

Today, a January wedding may be just as convenient, but romantic couples prefer the traditional month of brides. As a matter of fact, tradition governs most of the world's wedding customs.

How would you like to meet your mate on your wedding day--for the first time? In many old European families, you'd have no choice. Picture being asked for your hand by a professional match-maker. That's how it's done in China.

In Brittany, traditional match-maker is the village tailor. In Sweden, Pop has the final word, while here, choice of mate is up to the couples concerned (32% of whom are teenagers!)

Traditional wedding gift in Lapland is a reindeer! In poor countries, guests are expected to provide pantry supplies to see a marrying couple through their first few months. Here, a bride-to-be dreams of gleaming silver when she surveys her stack of presents.

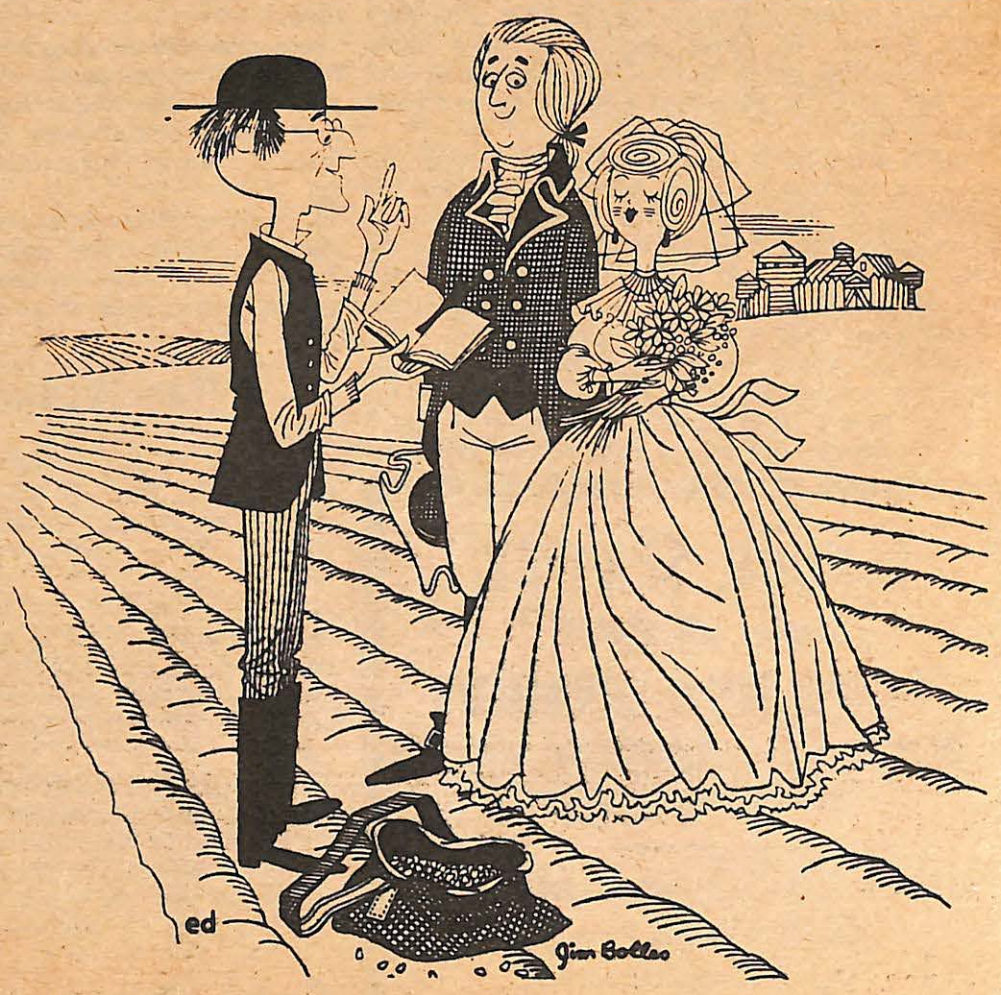
Silver has been a symbol of romance for centuries. Because of its color, ancient Man associated Silver with the moon (that lyrical companion of June and 'spoon'). Alchemists often referred to the precious metal as 'Diana'--Goddess of the moon. To this day, Hindu women wear toe-rings of silver from the time they marry until their husbands die.

Records indicate that silver became the popular wedding gift here in the late 19th Centruy, when silverplate became available at low cost. "It was a gilded age," wrote one historian, and every wedding couple received at least one silverplated tea service.

Today, about $100 million worth of sterling is purchased a year,--much of it for newlyweds. Brides account for 55 percent of the platware and holloware sold annually.

One sterling item frequently found at European weddings but rarely seen here, is the chain. When couples in some lands across the sea marry, their hands are tied together with a silver chain, before the ring is placed on the bride's finger. Thus the old expression--"Tying the knot." Ribbon-knotted bridal bouquets and grooms-men's boutonnieres carry out the theme at our weddings.

Color of the bride's costume is also a matter of tradition. Here, of course, the bride wears white.



But in China, where white is reserved for mourning, she dresses in red. Superstitious Norwegian girls often choose green for luck (you'd think they'd "Leave it to the Irish"). The colors most popular in Roumania are red and gold.

But regardless of difference in gowns and gifts, in wedding dates and dowries, in rites and rituals, brides the world over have one thing in common--that radiant beauty born of love, joy and dreams of living happily ever after!

CRUSTY STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE

2 cups sifted cake flour
3 teaspoons double -acting baking powder
¾ teaspoon salt
¼ cup sugar
½ cup shortening
1 egg, slightly beaten
¼ cup milk
Melted butter
1 cup whipping cream
1 quart fresh strawberries, sliced and sweetened

Measure sifted flour, add baking powder, salt, and sugar, and sift together. Cut in shortening. Blend egg and milk. Add to flour mixture and stir with fork until soft dough is formed.

Turn out dough on a lightly floured board and knead about 20 turns. Divide dough in half and roll each piece into a 7-inch circle, about 1/4 inch thick. Fit one circle into a well-greased 8-inch layer pan. Brush with melted butter. Place second circle on top; brush with butter.

Bake in hot over (425 degrees F.) about 15 minutes, or until done. Separate halves of hot shortcake. Whip the cream, sweetening with sugar, if desired. Spread half of the whipped cream and arrange half of the strawberries between layers. Top with remaining whipped cream and strawberries. Makes six servings.

Tips on floor maintenance

The conscientious homemaker who is disturbed about the appearance of her smooth-surface flooring may find that the deep, dark secret behind floor care success is amazingly simple if she'll only change a few of her old cleaning and polishing habits.

All floors require a regular program of washing, polishing and waxing. Reasons for floor care dissatisfaction normally involve one or more of these activities and they often point to neglect of a few basic floor care steps.

Chief among these is washing floors too frequently with strong soaps and cleaners. With some types of flooring these strong solutions can fade and discolor the material more readily than constant wear.

Thorough washing can be limited to three or four times a year, or when exceptional soiling has occurred, if spills are wiped up before they become sticky or dry. In all cases, strong cleaners should be avoided unless diluted as their high alkali content can ultimately cause chemical changes in color pigments or compositions.

When floors are exceptionally soiled and need a thorough cleaning, a good all-purpose solution is a half-cup of household detergent and a half-cup of ammonia diluted with a gallon of warm water. This solution will also remove excessive wax accumulations which cause graying or yellowing.

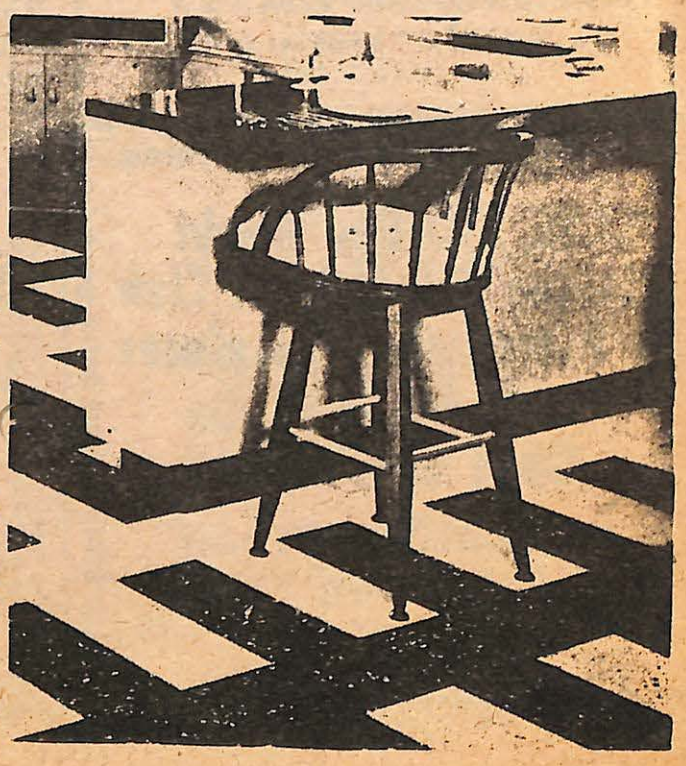
Application of a protective wax or polish should always follow thorough cleaning, but should be started only after the washed floor has dried completely.

In choosing cleaners, waxes and polishes, a good rule-of-thumb is to use products recommended by the manufacturer of the flooring. Because of their natural interest in effective floor care, some manufacturers produce maintenance products especially designed to be safe and efficient for their types of flooring.

One common mistake is the application of wax too thickly. A thin film hardens more quickly and gives better protection because the moisture content of the wax can fully evaporate. Thick coatings leave sub-surface wax soft, increasing the floor's vilnerability to denting and surface scratches. Because of the nature of their formulations, the cleaner-polish combination products provide a safeguard against thick applications.

Equally important, liquid polishes and waxes should be applied in a single direction to avoid the spotty and "checkered" appearance of floors when they have dried.

In addition to immediately wiping up spills, a thorough sweeping is all the care normally required for daily maintenance. A soft hair broom used only for floors will help reduce scratching and will prevent dust from becoming ground in.



Rex Everhart as Dromio is about to receive a paddling from Douglas Watson as Antipholus in this scene from the American Shakespeare Festival production of "Comedy of Errors" which opens Tuesday evening, June 11.

FESTIVAL

The American Shakespeare Festival season opens officially Sunday with the presentation of "King Lear" starring Morris Carnovsky.

Opening on Tuesday will be "Comedy of Errors and on Wednesday "Henry V."

The three plays will be offered in repertory through September 15 and will be joined by George Bernard Shaw's "Ceasar and Cleopatra" on July 30. Shaw's play is the first non-Shakespearean presentation in the Festival's nine year history.

"King Lear" is one of Shakespeare's most absorbing dramas depicting the problems between age and youth. The play has tried the efforts of some of the best actors of all times since the "mad scene" can be very easily turned into comedy because of its extreme emotions.

The story of a father who feels the burdens of age pressing down on him and thus decides to turn his kingdom over to his daughters, "King Lear" is from the pen of The Bard in his mature years. Its problems are varied from the standpoint of dramatic presentation and should test the metal of both Carnovsky, its star, and Alan Fletcher, its director.

Tuesday comedy will reign supreme as the Festival offers "The Comedy of Errors" directed by Douglas Seale.

A lighthearted farce, "The Comedy of Errors," is truly what its name implies; a mixture of slapstick, mistaken identity, and just plain fun.

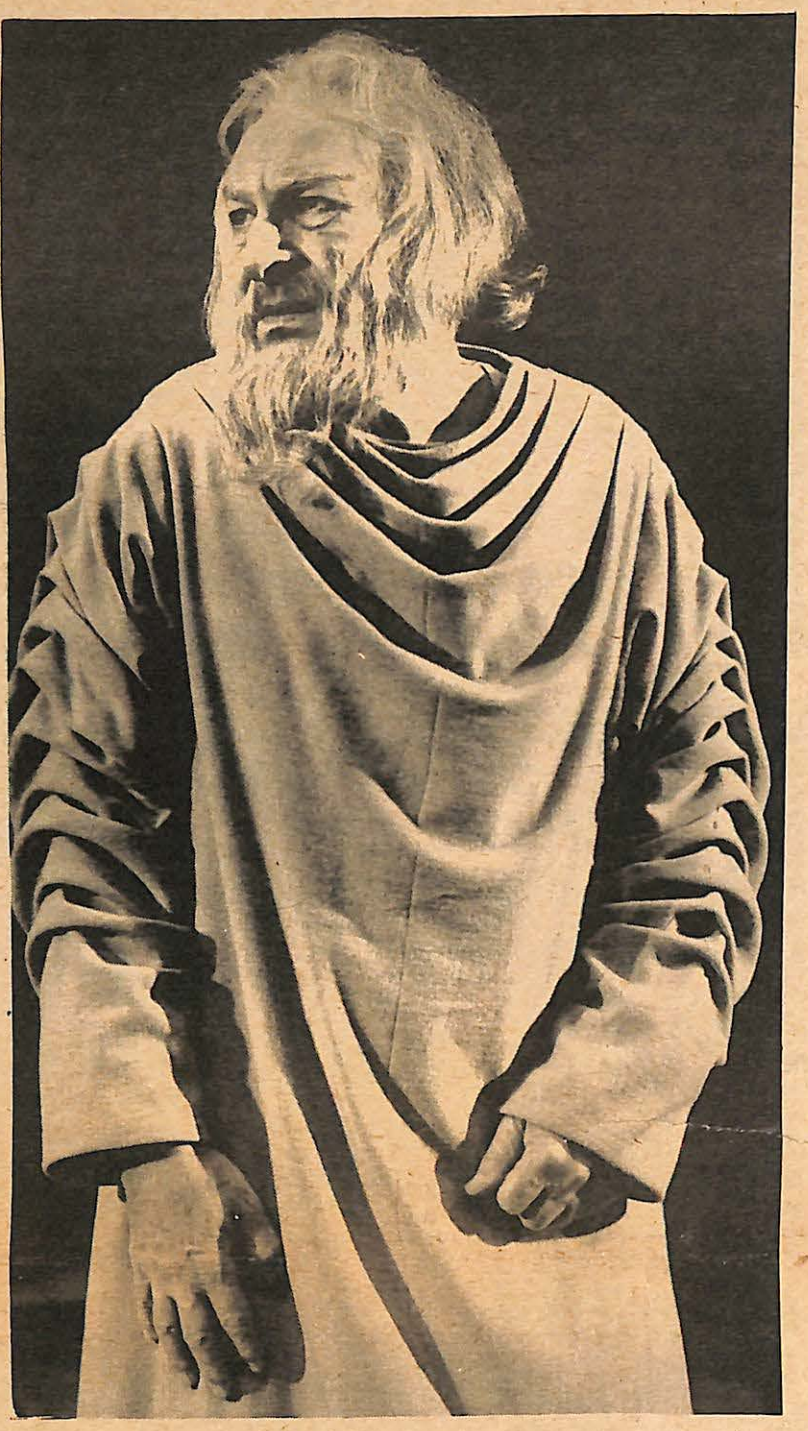
Many will recall a popularization of this play in the Broadway (and later Hollywood) musical, "The Boys from Syracuse."

The third Shakespearean production for this year will be a history, "Henry V." A lusty story which picks-up where last year's production, "Henry IV," left off. It's the story of Prince Hal, now King Henry and his war against the French.

Sir Laurence Olivier popularized this play in his film a number of years back. Douglas Seale will also be directing this production.

The non-Shakespearean presentation, Shaw's "Caesar and Cleopatra" will be staged by Ellis Raab. This play also was presented on film a number of years ago

The curtain for "King Lear" on Sunday is at 3 p.m.; Tuesday's and Wednesday's production will begin at 8 p.m.



"King Lear" with Morris Carnovsky in the title role, abov opens on Sunday afternoon, June 9.

(Left to right) Patricia Peardon is the French princess and Anne Draper, Elaine Sulka, Ann Rivers (background) Claire Richards, Ann Byrd and Sally Amaru are her ladies-in-waiting in the American Shakespeare Festival Production of "King Henry V" which opens on Wednesday evening, June 12.

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